COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF 1102.

Thursday, the $\frac{\textit{7th of April 1927.}}{\textit{25th of Meenam 1102.}}$

The third meeting of the Meenam sitting commenced in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, at 11-30 a. m. on Thursday, the 7th of April 1927 (25th Meenam 1102). The President took the Chair. The absentees counted among them only Messrs. Lonappan Chakkola, K. Krishna Menon, P. Kunju Muhammad and A. K. Thoma.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Appointments and promotions of officers in the service.

441. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of persons entertained or promoted in the State service drawing Rs. 12 and above without the qualifications referred to in Rules 1 and 4 of the Cochin Standing Orders during the last 10 years and the reasons, if any, why they were preferred in each case;

(b) the names of the officers who recommended for exemption in each case referred to in part (a) of this question before applying for sanction of His Highness the Maharaja under Rule 5 of the Standing Orders;

(c) the names of those who were refused exemption by His Highness the Maharaja on recommendation by Heads of Departments;

(d) the names of those who were not recommended by Heads of Departments for exemption on the receipt of applications for the same?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a), (b), (c) and (d). The Government consider that the time and labour involved in gathering the statistics is quite out of all proportion to any public purpose served thereby.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Did not this question reach the Council Secretary for the first time in Edavam 1100—before the first budget session of this Council? Was not this question repeated in all the sessions?

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President.—Is it a supplementary question? This does not arise. I must disallow it.

The formation of an Executive Council.

442. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether there was any correspondence in the last four years for forming an Executive Council in the State, and if so, whether that correspondence will be placed on the table, and to state the reason for giving up that scheme, at least, temporarily?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—There is no official correspondence on the subject.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—My question is whether any correspondence has taken place on this subject.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—We take the official correspondence and not every sort of correspondence.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Does that mean that no correspondence has taken place?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No official correspondence has taken place.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Has any other correspondence taken place?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I cannot say.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Whether the matter was looked into when the question was received by the Government?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Only official correspondence was looked into.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Any demi-official correspondence?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—There was no occasion to look into the demi-official or confidential correspondence, as it is not the custom here to do so.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Was it so understood by my question—"any correspondence in the last four years"?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It was fully understood.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Was not the meaning of my question clear to the Government?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I said that it was fully understood.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—In the answer official correspondence is referred to. I did not use the word "official." I used the word "any" in my question.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The meaning was understood, but only official correspondence was looked into.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government look into the other correspondence, and give me an answer by the end of this session?

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